

**MINUTES
STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
#2 Capitol Square
Atlanta, Georgia 30334**

January 17, 2008

10:00 a.m.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mike Evans, Chairman
Garland Pinholster, Vice Chairman
Roy Herrington
Billy Langdale
Sam Wellborn
Robert L. Brown, Jr.
Emory McClinton
Rudy Bowen
Larry Walker
Bill Kuhlke, Jr.
David Doss
Raybon Anderson
Dana Lemon

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

DOT STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

Commissioner Gena Abraham
Buddy Gratton, Deputy Commissioner
Earl Mahfuz
Todd Long
Gerald Ross
Sandra Burgess
Jeff Hill
Michael Cooper
Steve Henry

Chairman Mike Evans opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Rudy Bowen gave the invocation.

Billy Langdale led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Evans asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the December 2007 meetings. Billy Langdale made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 2007 meetings, seconded by Raybon Anderson and unanimously approved.*

Todd Long, Director of Preconstruction, requested approval of the projects proposed for the February 2008 Letting. Chairman Evans asked for a motion to approve. Emory McClinton made a motion to approve the projects proposed for the February 2008 Letting, seconded by Roy Herrington and unanimously approved.*

Gerald Ross, Chief Engineer, requested approval for the revisions proposed for the Construction Work Program for January 2008. Dana Lemon made a motion to approve the revisions to the Construction Work Program, seconded by Bill Kuhlke and unanimously approved.*

Paul Tanner, Assistant State Transportation Data Administrator, gave a presentation on the 2008 Georgia State Map, which included the 2008 map major updates.*

Commissioner Gena Abraham gave her monthly report, which included the state fund collections; total employment figure for December 31, 2007; and major projects open to traffic.

Larry Walker made a motion to approve the following resolution, seconded by Billy Langdale and unanimously approved.

Resolution

Whereas, Hal Rives earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from Southern Methodist University; and

Whereas, Hal Rives began his career in 1953 with the Georgia Department of Transportation as a project engineer; and

Whereas, he rose through the ranks holding several positions within the department including Bridge Designer, State Road Design Engineer, and Deputy Commissioner serving under former Commissioner Tom Moreland; and

Whereas, in May 1987 the State Transportation Board appointed Hal Rives Commissioner of the Department; and

Whereas, during his tenure, Hal Rives was active in national transportation policy development, serving as President of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) in 1991; and

Whereas, in 1992 Hal Rives won AASHTO's highest honor, the prestigious Thomas MacDonald Memorial Award for his continuous outstanding service and contributions to the art and science of highway engineering; and

Whereas, he was instrumental in the completion of the GA 400 Extension, the first toll road of its kind in the state; and

Whereas, he retired from the Georgia Department of Transportation in 1991 after 38 years of dedicated service; and

Whereas, Hal Rives was also a community service advocate and volunteered for organizations such as the Atlanta Justice Center and the Fernbank Museum of Natural History, giving of his time for the betterment of his community and state; and

Whereas, Hal Rives was a tireless public servant and his legacy will be remembered for years to come.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the State Transportation Board recognizes Hal Rives for his outstanding contributions and service in meeting the transportation needs of the people of Georgia.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and a suitable copy be presented to the family of Hal Rives in recognition of his devoted and commendable service to the Georgia Department of Transportation and to the citizens of Georgia.

Adopted this the 17th day of January, 2008.

Chairman Evans made a motion to approve the following resolution, seconded by Dana Lemon and unanimously approved.

Resolution

Whereas, Olivia Anne Hartley is a Hall County native and resides there with her parents Dan and Julie Hartley of Gainesville; and

Whereas, Miss Hartley, a sophomore at North Hall High School, submitted a photograph originally taken for a school project to Chairman Mike Evans District 9 State Highway Map Photo Contest; and

Whereas, from a pool of 150 entries Olivia Hartley's photograph was selected to represent District 9 in the 2008 State Highway and Transportation Map; and

Whereas, after the selection of each district map photo the State Transportation Board voted and approved Miss Hartley's photograph to grace the front cover of the 2008 State Highway Map; and

Whereas, in August 2007 Olivia's photograph titled 'A Time of Reflection' was unveiled by Governor Sonny Perdue as he congratulated her on her accomplishment; and

Whereas, Olivia Hartley's photograph which depicts a fisherman on Lake Lanier at dawn, has captured the true essence of Georgia's scenic beauty and she should be recognized and applauded for her accomplishment.

Now, therefore, let it be resolved that Olivia Anne Hartley be commended for her outstanding ability to photographically capture the natural beauty of the state and each member of the Board offers heartfelt appreciation for her artistic eye and wish her much success in all her future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and a suitable copy be provided to Olivia Hartley and her family in recognition of her contest winning photo to be featured on the cover of the 2008 State Highway and Transportation Map.

Adopted this the 17th day of January, 2008.

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Commissioner Gena Abraham requested approval of the following Comprehensive Zoning Resolution. Dana Lemon made a motion to approve the following Comprehensive Zoning Resolution, seconded by Roy Herrington and unanimously approved.

Resolution

WHEREAS, the State Transportation Board did, in regular session on November 18, 1971, adopted a policy on outdoor advertising an

WHEREAS, said policy adopted by the State Transportation Board contained a Schedule "A" pertaining to cities and counties in Georgia which maintained comprehensive zoning plans; and

WHEREAS, the State Transportation Board has directed its staff to make necessary recommendations in order that Schedule "A" of the said Outdoor Advertising Policy may be kept current with current changing conditions in cities and counties regarding comprehensive zoning plans; and

WHEREAS, the State Transportation Board did, in regular session on December 18, 1975, adopt a Resolution which said the Board would review all comprehensive zoning plans submitted for initial approval or for renewal approval, to ascertain and determine if said zoning plans can be certified for purposes of outdoor advertising consistent with State/Federal Law or the Federal/State Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation has determined that the following recommendation is appropriate regarding comprehensive zoning plans:

<u>CITY/COUNTY</u>	<u>COMPREHENSIVE ZONING/ SIGN ORDINANCE</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATIONS</u>
Bartow County	Amendment to Comprehensive Zoning Plan	Deny

Tift County	Amendment to Comprehensive Zoning Plan	Deny
City of Tifton	Amendment to Comprehensive Zoning Plan	Deny
Polk County	Amendment to Comprehensive Zoning Plan	Deny

NOW THEREFORE, be resolved that the State Transportation Board, in regular session this date, does hereby amend Schedule "A" of the Department of Transportation Outdoor Advertising Policy by including the above named recommendations.

Resolved this 17th day of January, 2008.

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Commissioner Gena Abraham requested approval of the following Comprehensive Zoning Resolution. Dana Lemon made a motion to approved the following Comprehensive Zoning Resolution, seconded by Roy Herrington and unanimously approved.

Resolution

WHEREAS, the State Transportation Board did, in regular session on November 18, 1971, adopted a policy on outdoor advertising an

WHEREAS, said policy adopted by the State Transportation Board contained a Schedule "A" pertaining to cities and counties in Georgia which maintained comprehensive zoning plans; and

WHEREAS, the State Transportation Board has directed its staff to make necessary recommendations in order that Schedule "A" of the said Outdoor Advertising Policy may be kept current with current changing conditions in cities and counties regarding comprehensive zoning plans; and

WHEREAS, the State Transportation Board did, in regular session on December 18, 1975, adopt a Resolution which said the Board would review all comprehensive zoning plans submitted for initial approval or for renewal approval, to ascertain and determine if said zoning plans can be certified for purposes of outdoor advertising consistent with State/Federal Law or the Federal/State Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation has determined that the following recommendation is appropriate regarding comprehensive zoning plans:

<u>CITY/COUNTY</u>	<u>COMPREHENSIVE ZONING/ SIGN ORDINANCE</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATIONS</u>
Paulding County	Comprehensive Zoning Plan	Approval

City of Watkinsville	Comprehensive Zoning Plan	Approval
City of Cummings	Comprehensive Zoning Plan	Approval
City of Holley Springs	Comprehensive Zoning Plan	Approval

NOW THEREFORE, be resolved that the State Transportation Board, in regular session this date, does hereby amend Schedule "A" of the Department of Transportation Outdoor Advertising Policy by including the above named recommendations.

Resolved this 17th day of January, 2008.


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Chairman Evans requested that Larry Walker give a report from the Intermodal Committee meeting.

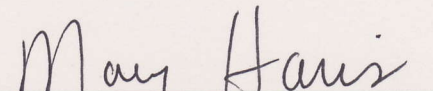
Larry Walker gave a report from the Intermodal Committee. He stated that Michael Robison, Lanier Holdings, CEO, & Metro Atlanta Chamber Transit Committee Chair, gave a presentation on the Metro Atlanta Chamber's Commuter Rail Study prepared by R.L. Banks & Associates, Inc. Chairman Walker also stated that commuter rail discussions were positive, but we cannot move forward with commuter rail until we have the funds for operation and maintenance. Emory McClinton requested that DOT staff check into funding allocated from CMAQ funds for operation and maintenance for commuter rail.

There being no further business, Chairman Evans asked for a motion to adjourn. Billy Langdale made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Raybon Anderson and unanimously approved.

Approved:


Mike Evans, Chairman

Respectfully submitted:


Mary Harris, Acting Board Secretary

*Denotes Documentation in File.